

Minutes of Traffic Advisory Committee

30 November 1983

1. The third meeting of the CIA Traffic Advisory Committee was held at the Residence Office of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation (VDH&T) Fairfax, Virginia, on 30 November 1983 at 3:00 p.m. A list of attendees is attached.

2. The Chairman opened the meeting by summarizing progress of the CIA on overall project design since the second Committee meeting on 15 September. The major points were that the preliminary design had been completed and reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) in October and that the first construction bid package had been submitted to the Commission for their final approval at a 1 December meeting. The Commission has stated that final approval of all construction packages is contingent upon submission of an acceptable program of road improvements.

3. Mr. Fowler of Dewberry and Davis then presented an overview of the first technical report for the CIA expansion study. This report was an Analysis of Projected Levels of Traffic Service based on Expansion of the CIA Headquarters. The report had been disseminated to Committee members for review on 23 November. Mr. Fowler presented a series of slides taken during the study that demonstrated traffic conditions at the local intersections of concern. These slides were used to support the description of levels of service found during the study. Emphasis was placed on the existing and projected problems associated with the CIA entrances, the Route 193 and Route 123 weaving lane, the intersection of the George Washington Memorial Parkway with I-495, and the intersection of Turkey Run Road with Route 193.

4. Mr. Steve Smith of JHK & Associates then presented the methodology used to analyze projected levels of service. Projected traffic counts provided by VDH&T were used and applied to the calculated capacity of the various interchanges to arrive at a measured level of service as defined by standard reference texts. The results depict the effect of future growth on existing roadways and interchanges if no improvements are made. The benefit of the analysis is to focus the designer's attention on those interchanges where unacceptable levels of service are expected to arise. Mr. Fowler stated that the definition of unacceptable service level is any level lower than level D.

5. Mr. Maxfield of the Ad Hoc Committee questioned the assumptions regarding the amount of expansion traffic to be added by the CIA. Mr. Boseman, VDH&T, stated that 1,500 vehicles had been assumed. This number represents the 1,000 additional parking spaces to be constructed plus the 500 existing spaces found to be empty during previous surveys. Mr. Maxfield reiterated his concern for the adequacy of the CIA parking program and the possible implications for traffic if parking were inadequate. The Chairman stated once again that the proposed parking is adequate.

6. In discussing potential improvements at the Parkway/I-495 interchange, Mr. Conley stated that the present plan is to initiate the redecking of Cabin John Bridge about March 1984. This effort will include addition of a fourth

lane on the bridge that may be used to interconnect the Parkway on both sides of the river. This would contribute to easing the worst congestion on the Parkway, which results from the current backup occurring on the Parkway ramp to northbound I-495.

7. Mr. Fowler observed that this improvement, while improving the northbound ramp, will probably degrade service on the southbound ramp because of the added lane entering Virginia from Maryland.

8. Mr. Bozarth asked if the distribution of Agency traffic used in the analysis was accurate. The Chairman stated that the 85 percent arriving from the west versus 15 percent from other directions was accurate. Mrs. Richards asked if this distribution was likely to change after consolidation. The Chairman stated that no significant change was anticipated.

9. There was a lengthy discussion of Mr. Maxfield's desire to have a commitment from the Federal Government not to begin construction onsite until road improvement agreements were in place. The Chairman expressed the view that such a commitment was unlikely unless the local citizens would agree to a date by which road improvements would be agreed to. Mr. Maxfield suggested that he might request the NCPC to attach such a commitment as a condition of approval of the first bid package.

10. Mr. Fowler stated that he expected to be prepared to meet again immediately after the Christmas holidays to present the alternative road improvements identified to deal with the problem interchanges. These alternatives would be reviewed, discussed, and then refined before a final meeting in February. The Chairman stated that the design report would probably be distributed to the community at that point in preparation for a public informational meeting sometime in March. Concern was expressed that the formal environmental assessment would not yet be complete at that time. The Chairman expressed the opinion that sufficient environmental information would be available from the design effort to allow a balanced presentation of the options.

11. It was agreed that an advisory notice would be provided to the members about mid-December giving them an estimated date for the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Attachment:
List of Attendees

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
ADAMS, Gloria A.	McLean Citizens Association
BENNETT, Nancy	Congressman Frank Wolf's Office
BLACKMAN, Robert H.	Virginia Department of Highways & Transportation (Environmental)
BOSEMAN, Jerry	Virginia Department of Highways & Transportation (TPD)
CONLEY, S.R.	Virginia Department of Highways & Transportation
DuBOIS, Joan	Supervisor Nancy Falck's Fairfax County Office
FOWLER, John P. II	Dewberry and Davis
GEHR, David R.	Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation
GUIDAS, Claire	Fairfax County Office of Transportation
MAXFIELD, Kent A.	Ad Hoc Committee
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 150px; display: inline-block;"></div>	Central Intelligence Agency
RICHARDS, Lilla	McLean Citizens Association
ROTHENBERG, Morey	JHK & Associates
SMITH, Steve	JHK & Associates
THEERATHADA, C. T.	Dewberry & Davis

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